in the oil pool account would *inter alia* depend on the quantities and international prices of crude oil and petroleum products imported during the year.

(b) and (c) The prices of petroleum products are fixed keeping in view the costs, growth in demand and other socio-economic factors.

Allotment of L.P.G. Agencies

4506. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present policy for grant of Petrol/Diesel outlets, Gas Agencies and Kerosene agencies respectively;

(b) whether Government are aware that on account of variance in the prices of Kerosene and L.D.O. the Kerosene is being mixed in the Diesel oil causing a great loss to the farm machineries and transport vehicles;

(c) whether it is a fact that most of these outlets/agencies are handed over to other persons to whom these were not sanctioned; and

(d) if so, the what steps are being taken to stop the malpractice?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Selection of all dealers are carried out as per Industry Guidelines under various categories through approve Selection Agencies ond also at the discretion of Government.

(b) to (d) Complaints about adulteration in diesel and kerosene are received by Government from time to time and prompt action is taken in this regard as per the Marketing Guidelines.

मैसर्स एस्सार से ड्रिल-शिपों का किराये पर लिया जाना

4507. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन : क्या पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 7 जून 1992 को "फाइनेंशियल एक्सप्रेस" में "ओ० एन० जी० सी० डेवलप्स ए फेन्सी फार डिस्कवरी" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है, कि "एस्सार डिस्कनरर" से एक ड्रिलसे शिप किराए पर लेने का निर्णय लिया गया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि ये ड्रिल-शिप न केवल असुरक्षित है अपितु इनका संचालन भी अलाभकारी है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इन्हें किराने पर लिए जाने के क्या कारण है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) जी हां।,

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(घ) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Complaints against the Dealers of Petroleum Products in Andhra Pradesh

4508. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received against the dealers of petroleum products during the last one year in Andhra Pradesh, category and district wise; and

(b) what steps have been taken to redress the same?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b 494 complaints against LPG dealers and 35 complaints against Retail Outlets were received during 1991-92 in Andhra Pradesh. Appropriate action is taken after investigation.

Increase in Petro Goods Prices

4509. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times of 6th August, 1992 under the caption "Increase in Petro goods prores by month and in the offing"; and

(b) if so, what is Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The prices of petroleum products are fixed keeping in view the costs, growth in demand and other socio-economic factors.

Digging of Oil Wells in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

4510. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURE GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar where digging of oil wells is going on full's swing;

(b) what is the number of rigs working in different areas, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to start digging of oil wells in new areas of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the discoveries made by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission so far in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Drilling is going on at Shahjahanpur in U.P. and Kadmaha in Bihar and one rig at each of these places is deployed.

(c) and (d) Seismic surveys are being carried out in Sarda depression and Gandak depression in U.P. and Purnea basin in Bihar. Depending upon the results of the surveys drilling operations will be undertaken.

आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान कच्चे तेल का उत्पादन

4511. श्री विनोद शर्मा :
श्री एन. गिरि प्रसाद :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिये कच्चे तेल के आन्तरिक उत्पादन के बारे में अनुमान तैयार किया है। यदि हां तो उसके बारे में वर्ष वार अनुमान क्या है;

(ख) क्या उपर्युक्त वार्षिक अनुमान योजना आयोग द्वारा निर्धारित किये गये लक्ष्य से कम है, यदि हां, तो कमी का वर्ष वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या एक कार्य दल ने भी आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान कच्चे तेल के आन्तरिक उत्पादन का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया था;

(घ) यदि हां, तो कार्य दल द्वारा निर्धारित किये गये लक्ष्य तथा मंत्रालय द्वारा उत्पादन के बारे में तैयार किये गये वार्षिक अनुमान में क्या अन्तर है; और

(ङ) इसमें कमी के क्या कारण हैं तथा सरकार इस कमी को किस तरह पूरा करने का विचार रखती है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (ङ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिए कच्चे तेल के उत्पादन अनुमान को अंतिम रूप दिया जा रहा है।